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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays and Holy Days:
Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

Little Flower Church Mission Statement

Little Flower Church (St. Therese of the Infant Jesus) is a vibrant faith community in the Roman Catholic Tradition, striving to live out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, we are called by God to look beyond ourselves to respond compassionately to the needs of others.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702

The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM.
Contact the school for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on most Sundays during the year. Baptisms are held after the 9:30 am Mass. If you prefer to have your child's baptism scheduled during Mass, you may request this at the time you return the baptism information form. Requests for the date and time specified will be honored to the extent possible. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class that is held 5 times per year. Call the Parish Office well in advance so that class arrangements may be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the priest 9 to 12 months in advance. A Wedding Handbook is available from the Parish Office which provides the necessary information on arranging for a marriage.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/MINISTRY TO THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the parish at any time. Please contact the Parish Center if you or a loved one are hospitalized, or are confined to home or a nursing facility, to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing. Hospitals and healthcare facilities no longer routinely inform churches when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 317-236-1490.

LITTLE FLOWER COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish or wish to register for membership, please call the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available at each of the church doors.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to all who were able to make it to church last weekend, to those who worked to make the church accessible, and to the choir members and other liturgical ministers who made extra effort to be there. Jacob Comley, Frank Mackell, and Angie Mackell shoveled and moved snow before Mass. Later Jacob was joined by John Mendez, and they finished clearing the rest of the walking areas around the campus.

Today is Intention Sunday for our annual stewardship drive. If you forgot to turn in your stewardship cards today, please turn them in as soon as possible, either online, in next week's collection, or through the mail. There are extra paper versions of stewardship cards at the church doors if you need them.

Special thanks to Cassie Echegaray who shared her stewardship witness talk with us last weekend in preparation for Intention Sunday. As many of you know, Cassie is an assistant principal of Little Flower School. One thing she said struck me: "Stewardship is not only about managing our material wealth; it encompasses all aspects of life. Our

time, our talents, and our relationships are all precious gifts from God. How we manage these resources reflects our love for God and our love for our neighbors. Are we generous with our time, serving others in need? Are we using our talents to build up the Kingdom of God; in our families, in our parish, and in our communities? Are we sharing our material blessings to alleviate the suffering of others or to help our parish thrive?"

Likewise, special thanks to Peggy Clegg, the eighth grade class, and their home room teachers, Kelli Tromizcak and Shelby Cloghessy, for hosting Cupid's Bingo for those 55 and over after last Saturday evening's 5:00 p.m. Mass. They were great hosts and hostesses, and the seniors in attendance had a wonderful time and a great spaghetti dinner. Special thanks to Steve Clegg, Amy Clegg, Brittany Berry, Jennifer Lamb, Alyssa Bowlin, Grace Lamb, Katie Lannom, and Mackynzie Howard who assisted Peggy with all the prep work in making dinner.

Finally, when Tom returned as music director last October, we knew we at least wanted to get through the holidays before beginning our search for a new music director. I just wanted to update you that after consultation with the staff, I have decided to postpone our search until the new pastor is named. We would like him to be able to participate in the search process. Our primary concern is that we do not think it is fair to try to hire a new employee when his or her supervisor will change in just a few months. The music director serves as a direct report to the pastor, and pastors often have some definite ideas about what they look for in a music director. We want to hire someone who will at least have the security of having been "approved" by the pastor they will be working for. We will begin a search for a new music director as soon as is practical after a new pastor is named. At this time, Tom is willing to remain in the position until a search can be initiated and completed. He and the rest of the staff are supportive of this plan.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



Save the Date! FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY) BEGINNING
MARCH 7!
COORDINATED BY THE MEN'S CLUB**



We extend our condolences to *Maureen Sweeney* on the death of her brother, **Dan Sweeney**, to *Cac Diehr* on the death of her brother, **Clyde Crimmel**, to *Charlie and Pauline Graf* on the death of Pauline's nephew, **Steve Bordenkecher**, and to *Jim and Debbie Burks* on the death of Jim's mother, **Mary Ellen Burks**. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers

during this difficult time. May God welcome Dan, Clyde, Steve, and Mary Ellen into his eternal glory



For the Week of February 24 – March 2, 2025

- 24 February Monday**
5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Jutin Mendoza
- 25 February Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Robert Mike Hundley by the Commiskey Family
- 26 February Wednesday**
No Mass
- 27 February Thursday**
No Mass
- 28 February Friday**
9:30 a.m. Bob Phillips by Cathy & Mark Kippert
- 01 March Saturday – The Vigil of the 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Katie Goodin by John & Theresa
- 02 March The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9:30 a.m. Sharon Steinmetz by Jim & Loretta Miller
6:00 p.m. For the People

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)	
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023 - May 2024	497
June 2024 - December 2024	485
January 2025	472
February 2025 (thru Feb. 16)	453
All Christmas Masses	1,198

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 23 – March 2, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Stewardship Intention Weekend		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 p.m.	First Communion Class for older children
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	Duffey Hall (school café)	3:30 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Chili Cook off
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ministry Leader Dinner
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Blessing Cup Retreat
	Church	1:30 p.m.	Wedding
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
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	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	First Communion Class for older Children
	School	10:30 a.m.	OCIA for Children



**Readings for March 1 and 2
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:4-7
I Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030225.cfm>



The Little Flower Ladies Club Bedding Plant Sale will begin March 1. Orders will be due NO LATER THAN March 31 and the delivery date will be May 3. Fliers will be available at the doors of the Church the weekend of March 1 and 2.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Make a note now to pick up your Lenten reflection book when you come to Mass NEXT WEEKEND. Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw provides various devotional books for Catholics. They provide reflection readings and scriptures to urge readers to spend some quiet time with the Lord. For many years the parish has made these books available as just one way to help parishioners observe the Lenten Season. These reflections only take about 5 to 10 minutes each day.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of February 15 and 16	\$	3,471.00
Electronic Contributions 2/10-2/14	\$	2,741.79
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	444,184.26
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	438,900.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	5,284.26

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,520.00
January Contributions	\$	2,264.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,858.00

If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the Church doors.

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 2/17)

Parish Goal	\$	60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged		99
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	24,360.00

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

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All things are possible with God



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Charlotte Allstatt, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Karen Lientz, Maximus Lopez, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzi

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Mary Lou Hoggatt
10219 Shallowbrook Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46229

Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

Matthew Hughey, serving in Tokyo, Japan – nephew of Rita Cooning.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in AAMDS Poland. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

Zach Meyer, Marine Reserve in South Bend, son-in-law of Dave and Dora Hughey.

Ian Carter, serving in the United States Navy in Oak Harbor, WA, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

Lexi Robertson, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

Riley Allstatt, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.



WHAT "IS" LITTLE FLOWER/LITTLE STORIES???

POSSIBLE POWERFUL PERSONAL
 People from our pews tell what really matters. Personal/up close and candid! True anecdotes that go deep into the soul Parishioners, real people, sharing their joy, their sorrows, and their faith. Come and see what it is all about.

- 3/13 Forgiveness
- 5/15 How I Came to Know Jesus
- 5/25 Mary and Me

7:00 p.m.
 Little Flower Sanctuary



You are Invited
Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m. (cafeteria)
Thursday afternoons 1:00 p.m. (St. Therese room)
Divine Mercy
In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told
7 MORE SERSSIONS
Join us when you can!

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2025
May 30 – June 1

The next leadership meeting is
Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Calling all volunteers – the Silent Auction needs your help! In a typical Festival year we reach out to 400+ area businesses and ask for donations. Would you be willing to make **just 10 phone calls** to area businesses for the Silent Auction? We have the businesses and their contact information identified, and we have prepared a script for you to use. Many hands make light work! Please contact Elizabeth Mann at 463-206-5196 if you can help. Thank you!

Ladies Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join the Ladies Club for a special event. We will be **visiting the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg on Tuesday, March 4**. We will depart from our parking lot at 9:30 a.m., have lunch at the Brau Haus in Oldenburg, and then join the Sisters for a tour of the Convent. The tour is free; but a free will offering is encouraged to help support the community. We will be back at Little Flower no later than 4:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you are interested in joining us. We hope you do.



The Ladies Club will be celebrating **St. Patrick's Day at our meeting on Thursday, March 6**. We are excited to have some of the Richens-Timm Irish Dancers joining us. **They will perform at 6:30 p.m.** We will be serving corned beef and cabbage, side dishes, and

desserts. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert but it is not obligatory. We hope you will join us to celebrate a little bit of Irish.



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they are still Number 1 in your life . . . share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Our first Weekend in 2025 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 25 - 27. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: *"Having had over twenty years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. We learned much and are still improving."*



Knights of Columbus
Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road
 Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

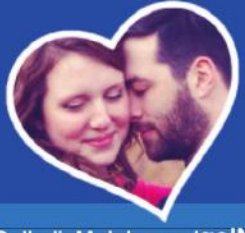
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